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Dear Andy:

As Captain Jake Stewart pointed out in his letters inviting us to form a CNO task force on the "Role of C³I in Strategic Deterrence," we are undertaking a very ambitious and important effort. We will address an issue that not only the CNO feels is important but also one the President has made number one priority in his strategic modernization program -- C³I.

To ensure we can respond to the milestones the CNO has established, I have arranged, with Commander Fenton Carey's assistance, a comprehensive series of briefings on a broad spectrum of C³I issues and topics, enclosure (1). As you will note on the agenda for the 28 and 29 June meetings, we will have to start early in the morning to ensure we can accommodate all of the briefings. We will have to start at 0815 on both 28 and 29 June. I apologize for the early start, but time is critical. If there are any reasons why you can't make a session, please let Fenton know.

Also included in the schedule is a draft briefing agenda on the schedule for 11 and 12 July. Fenton is arranging these briefings now, so if there are any comments and/or recommendations please contact him immediately. Of specific interest are the briefings concerning the President's "Star Wars" initiatives. These have been included because the President will be establishing a National Space Strategy in the Fall which supports the OSD-directed NWEAMPS effort, his Ballistic Missile Defense concept, and the survivability and endurance of the nation's C³I space systems. Last, please be prepared on 28 June to discuss possible agenda items for the other meetings now tentatively scheduled for 26 and 27 July, and 3 and 4 August.

I appreciate your enthusiastic acceptance of this challenge. With your support, we can meet the milestones established by the CNO. I feel that this effort can make a major contribution to the CNO's effort to make our strategic deterrence posture more viable and to enable him to lead the JCS in supporting the President's programs.

Sincerely,


Henry S. Rowen
Chairman

Enclosure